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Our Reference: WA-LA#0200.90.R1.01

Mr. Thomas D. Collins, Director
Bureau of Health Services Financing
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Dear Mr. Collins:

I am pleased to inform you that your request to amend your Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCBSW) program No. 0200.90.R1 has been approved effective July 1, 1999. As authorized by section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, this HCBSW program provides an array of home and community-based long term care services as an alternative to institutional care in an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR). This program has been assigned control number 0200.90.R1.01 which should be used in all subsequent correspondence.

Specifically, you requested to remove the prior institutionalization requirement before clients could receive pre-vocational or supported employment services. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) removed the prior institutionalization criteria from the supported employment and pre-vocational services of the home and community-based services waiver program. The revised pages reflecting changes approved by this amendment are attached to this correspondence.

The following estimates have been approved:

<u>Individuals Served</u>	<u>Factor "D"</u>
Year 2 – 4551	\$24,606
Year 3 – 5451	\$26,624
Year 4 – 6451	\$27,837
Year 5 – 7551	\$29,282

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Reeder at 214-767-4419.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations